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1. DURING EMBOFF'S VISIT TO LAEM SING BOAT CAMP IN CHANTHA-
BURI PROVINCE JAN 12, THREE PERSONS APPEARED ON BEHALF OF
ACRP. ONE WAS ITS BANGKOK REPRESENTATIVE QUACH DUC, A VIET-
NAMESE BUSINESSMAN FORMERLY BASED IN VIENTIANE. ANOTHER WAS
A THAI POLICEMAN WHO CLAIMED TO BE BROTHER OF HIGH-RANKING
THAI POLICE OFFICIAL. THEY HANDED OUT REQUEST FOR BIO DATA
TO EACH HEAD OF FAMILY, ON WHICH SHEET WAS LISTED NAMES OF
PROJECT'S OFFICERS: PROFESSOR YOSHIAKI IISAKA IS CHAIRMAN,
THICH NHAT HANH DIRECTOR, AND WILLIE TAY KHIM SAN TREASURER.
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GROUP'S MESSAGE WAS SIMPLE: A SHIP BELONGING TO ACRP
WILL SOON ARRIVE IN GULF OF THAILAND SOME DISTANCE FROM
LAEM SING, REFUGEES ARE TO SAIL OUT TO IT IN THEIR BOATS
AND BOARD IT. SHIP WILL THEN SAIL FOR GUAM RPT GUAM.

2. REFUGEE REACTION APPEARED TO BE VERY RESERVED. NAME
OF THICH NHAT HANH CONTINUES TO ENGENDER CONSIDERABLE

SUSPICION AMONG REFUGEES FROM SAIGON, TO THE POINT THAT SOME SUSPECT SHIP WOULD DEPOSIT THEM IN SAIGON RATHER THAN IN GUAM. THEN, TOO, AUSTRALIANS ARE ABOUT TO CHOOSE PEOPLE FROM LAEM SING AS PART OF THEIR NEW PROGRAM, AND LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES WITH RELATIVES IN U.S. OR OTHER CLOSE TIES WITH US ARE WAITING TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE INCLUDED UNDER OUR NEW CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM. THUS, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE RELUCTANCE TO MOVE AT THIS TIME.

3. DURING EMBOFF'S VISIT, CAMP LEADERSHIP TOOK DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN ACRP PLAN AT PRESENT. IT INTENDS TO RE-EXAMINE QUESTION ONCE IT HEARS WHAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE PICKED UP BY BOAT WHICH LEFT SINGAPORE JAN 7 (REF B).
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